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SUBJECT: US DELEGATION CONSULTATIONS WITH SECRETARIAT GENERAL FRENCH

MERCHANT MARINE

- 1. US DEL MET MAY 31 WITH OFFICIALS MARINE MARCHAND REGARDING US INITIATIVES ON TANKERS. TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WERE FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL CHAPON WHO, SECRETARY ADAMS WILL RECALL, CAME TO LONDON SPECIFICALLY FOR ADAMS' STATEMENT TO IMCO COUNCIL ON MAY 23.
- 2. FRENCH WERE VERY CORDIAL, CANDID, AND SUPPORTIVE. DISCUSSIONS DISCLOSED A NUMBER OF UNSETTLED QUESTIONS, BOTH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC, BUT FRENCH ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT WAS THAT THEY WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH US TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTABLE RESULTS INTERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONALLY. FRENCH COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WERE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND DEALT NOT ONLY WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS BUT ALSO WITH TACTICS OF SITUATION. THEY OBVIOUSLY CONSIDER THEMSELVES ALLIES AND WILL DESIGN ANY FORMAL PROPOSALS TO COMPLEMENT US EFFORTS.

3. WHILE PRECISE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

TO ATHENS CONFERENCE AND FRENCH MERCHANT MARINE IS UNKNOWN, RECOMMEND YOU COMMENT IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF TO YOUR FRENCH COUNTERPART ABOUT THE CORDIAL RECEPTION GIVEN US DEL IN PARIS AND THE SHARED SPIRIT OF URGENCY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND US IN TACKLING THE TANKER PROBLEMS. BREMER

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